

**THE FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 19:
AMENDED SHEETS (Pages 31-33).**

1. (Amended) A storage container comprising:

a soft bag member that stores a predetermined matter
10 therein;

a fold deformed into a constant shape when a pressure is applied to the bag member or the fold deformed when the stored matter is reduced in volume; and

15 a grasp guiding unit that is provided on an outer peripheral surface of the bag member, and that guides a user to a grasp position, wherein

20 the bag member is reduced in volume while being deformed into a constant shape along the fold by applying an external pressure to the bag member or by reducing an internal pressure of the bag member.

2. The storage container according to claim 1, wherein

the bag member is a polyhedral member having three or more surfaces, and

25 the fold is formed so that one of the three surfaces on which the fold is formed is bent toward an inside of the bag member.

3. The storage container according to claim 1, wherein

30 a mark for notifying the user of a position of touching a finger when the user grasps the bag member is employed as the grasp guiding unit.

4. The storage container according to claim 3, wherein
a recess or a through hole formed in a sheet member is
employed as the mark, the sheet member provided on an outer
peripheral surface of the bag member or formed integrally
5 with the bag member and having higher rigidity than the bag
member.
5. The storage container according to claim 3, wherein
a friction surface having a higher frictional
10 coefficient with respect to the finger of the user than a
frictional coefficient of a surface of the bag member is
formed as the mark.
6. The storage container according to claim 1, further
15 comprising a deformation assisting unit that assists
deformation of the bag member so that the bag member
reduced in volume is bent along the fold.
7. The storage container according to claim 6, wherein
20 a rigidity enhancing member that makes a part of the
bag member higher in rigidity than remaining parts of the
bag member is employed as the deformation assisting unit.
8. The storage container according to claim 7, wherein
25 the bag member includes two flat portions facing each
other, and
a flat plate member fixed to at least a part of the
flat portions is employed as the rigidity enhancing member.
- 30 9. The storage container according to claim 7, wherein
the rigidity enhancing member is provided on the outer
peripheral surface, and
the grasp guiding unit is provided on the rigidity

enhancing member.

10. An image forming apparatus, wherein
the storage container according to claim 1 is employed
5 as a replaceable storage container that stores a matter to
be consumed at an image forming step of forming an image on
a recording material.

11. The image forming apparatus according to claim 10,
10 wherein
the matter to be consumed is toners for forming the
image formed on the recording material.

12. (New) The storage container according to claim 1,
15 wherein
the grasp guiding unit is provided on a largest
surface of the bag member.